

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on January 28, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Please Note:

Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 167, 1/20/2003; SB 65,
1/20/2003; HB 188, 1/20/2003
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 65

Sponsor: SENATOR GLENN ROUSH, SD 43, Cut Bank

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:02 SENATOR ROUSH opened on SB 65 - "Revise veteran's property tax and vehicle fee benefits". He presented amendments **EXHIBIT(tas18a01)**, **EXHIBIT(tas18a02)**, **EXHIBIT(tas18a03)**

Proponents' Testimony:

9:14 Mike Secrease, Veteran's Service Officer, FT Harrison
9:17 Richard Salyer, Disabled Veteran, Self
EXHIBIT(tas18a04)
9:20 Hal Manson, American Legion
9:21 Mike Hankins, Korean War Veteran Assoc., recipient of two purple hearts,
9:23 Carol Code, employee of MT Veteran's Affairs Division, Veterans Service Technician, Bozeman, widow of veteran who died of cancer from Agent Orange exposure.
EXHIBIT(tas18a05)
9:26 Bill Hutton, MT Veterans, **EXHIBIT(tas18a06)**
9:29 Mike Hampson, VVA
9:29 Dean Roberts, Dept of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division

Informational Witness:

9:30 Randy Wilke, Dept. of Revenue, stated he would be available to answer questions.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:31 SENATOR STORY questioned Hal Manson
9:32 SENATOR ELLINGSON questioned SENATOR ROUSH who deferred the question to Bill Hutton, MT Veterans, Bozeman
9:36 SENATOR STORY questioned Randy Wilke, Dept of Revenue

Closing by Sponsor:

9:38 SENATOR ROUSH closed on SB 65.

HEARING ON SB 167

Sponsor: SENATOR KEITH BALES, SD 1, Otter

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:41 SENATOR BALES opened on SB 167 - "Revise allocation of coal severance tax". He presented amendment

SB016701.agp **EXHIBIT (tas18a07)** and a diagram
EXHIBIT (tas18a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

9:48 William Duffield, MT Assoc. of Oil, Gas and Coal

Opponents' Testimony:

9:50 Verner Bertleson, MT Senior Citizens Assoc.
9:55 Bob Raney, Bozeman, Self
9:57 Ann Marie Robinson, Deputy Director of Bear Paw
Development - Co-ordinator for the North Central MT
Regional Water System
9:59 Bob Ream, Chairman, MT Democratic Party
10:00 REP. DAVE WANZENRIED, Missoula, Self
10:03 Don Judge, Teamsters Local # 190
10:05 Gene Fenderson, MT Progressive Labor Caucus
10:07 Daniel Watson, Rosebud County Commissioner
10:08 Steve Wade, Dry Prairie Regional Water Project
10:09 Dan Keil, North Central Regional Water System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:10 SENATOR HARRINGTON questioned SENATOR BALES
10:13 SENATOR ELLINGSON questioned SENATOR BALES
10:15 SENATOR ELLINGSON questioned Lee Heiman, Staff member
10:16 SENATOR TOOLE questioned SENATOR BALES
10:20 SENATOR ELLIOTT questioned SENATOR BALES
10:23 SENATOR BLACK questioned SENATOR BALES
10:24 SENATOR TAYLOR questioned Ann Marie Robinson
10:26 SENATOR TAYLOR questioned Bob Ream
10:28 SENATOR TAYLOR questioned SENATOR BALES
10:29 SENATOR TAYLOR questioned Verner Bertelsen
10:30 SENATOR BLACK questioned Ann Marie Robinson
10:32 SENATOR TOOLE questioned Bob Ream
10:33 SENATOR ELLIOTT questioned Terry Johnson, Dept of
Revenue
10:39 SENATOR STORY questioned SENATOR BALES
10:41 SENATOR STORY questioned Terry Johnson
10:43 SENATOR ELLINGSON questioned SENATOR BALES

Closing by Sponsor:

10:45 **SENATOR BALES** closed on SB 167.

HEARING ON HB 188

Sponsor: REP. RONALD DEVLIN, HD 3, Terry

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:00 **REP. DEVLIN** opened on HB 188 - "Clarify authority to
enter private property for property tax audit".

Proponents' Testimony:

11:04 Kurt Alme, Director, Dept. of Revenue
11:08 Randy Wilke, Dept. of Revenue, referred to charts of
Roosevelt County, Dearborn Area and passed out a packet
of photos showing "No Trespassing" signs.
EXHIBIT (tas18a09). He also referred to a chart of
Madison County.
11:28 Harold Blattie, MACo
11:31 Mary Whittinghill, MT Taxpayers Assoc.
11:33 Todd Lovshin, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:34 SENATOR BOHLINGER questioned Kurt Alme
11:37 SENATOR GLASER questioned Kurt Alme
11:39 SENATOR GLASER questioned Randy Wilke
11:41 SENATOR BLACK questioned Kurt Alme

Closing by Sponsor:

11:44 **REP. RON DEVLIN** closed on HB 188.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:46 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas18aad)